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UN OBSERVERS FOR SVN ELECTIONS

1. WE HAVE NEVER TAKEN UP WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DO THE POSSIBILITY OF A SPECIAL SESSION UNGA [ ]. FRANKLY, WE ARE NOT SURE DO WILL THINK MUCH OF SUCH ELABORATE APPROACH, WHICH OPENS UP ALL SORTS OF UNKNOWN POSSIBILITIES OF FULL-SCALE DEBATE ON VIET-NAM.

2. WE HESITATE TO BROACH SUBJECT WITH DO. HOWEVER, IF DEPT. SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING [ ] WE WILL NEED COMPLETE GUIDANCE TO ENABLE US TO AT LEAST INFORM HIM OF NATURE OF PROPOSAL AND PROBABLY CONSEQUENCES.

3. WE ARE ALREADY GETTING SOME STATIC ON APPROACH TO SYG. RAPIDITY OF US BLESSING HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF SOME OPPOSITION QUESTIONING OF ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL. IF [ ] TRIES TO RUN TOO FAST WITH BALL AND TRIES TO GET UN CRANKED UP IN GREAT STYLE GVN MAY FEAR THAT WE HAVE TALKED THEM INTO OPENING PANDORA'S BOX. LIMITED PROPOSAL ON ELECTION OBSERVERS WAS ALL THEY AGREED TO, AND IF WE NOW ALLOW IT TO BE CARRIED TO EXTENT APPARENT [ ] GVN MAY ONCE AGAIN FEEL THEIR DESTINY BEING DECIDED FOR THEM WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CONSULTATION. GIVEN CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION HERE THIS WILL BE COMPLICATING FACTOR. CAN WE NOT LET SYG HANDLE THE MATTER, OR LEAVE IT JUST IN HANDS OF SC? LODGE
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